

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**  
**Original Application**

As the below named inventor I declare that the information given herein is true, that I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the invention entitled:

Brace Assembly for Supporting a Dry Wall Pan

which is described and claimed in the attached specification;

that I do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof, or more than one year prior to this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application, that I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 CFR §1.56, and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States of America except as identified below. I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following agent to prosecute this application, and transact all matters before the United States Patent and Trademark Office: Richard W. Goldstein, 2071 Clove Road, Staten Island, NY 10304, Reg. No. 36,527

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Variable	Mean	SD	Min	Max
Age	34.5	10.2	21	55
Gender	Male	Female		
Marital Status	Married	Single		
Education	High School	College		
Occupation	Manager	Worker		
Income	\$20,000	\$30,000		
Health Status	Good	Fair		
Stress Level	Low	High		
Life Satisfaction	High	Low		
Work-Life Balance	Good	Poor		
Family Support	Strong	Weak		
Community Involvement	Active	Passive		
Religious Beliefs	Religious	Secular		
Political Views	Conservative	Liberal		
Environmental Concerns	High	Low		
Technology Use	Frequent	Infrequent		
Travel Habits	Frequent	Infrequent		
Dietary Preferences	Vegetarian	Non-Vegetarian		
Exercise Routines	Regular	Irregular		
Sleep Patterns	Regular	Irregular		
Substance Use	None	Occasional		
Personal Goals	Clear	Vague		
Resilience	High	Low		
Empathy	High	Low		
Communication Skills	Good	Poor		
Conflict Resolution	Effective	Ineffective		
Decision Making	Rational	Emotional		
Time Management	Good	Poor		
Organization Skills	High	Low		
Problem Solving	Strong	Weak		
Adaptability	High	Low		
Self-Motivation	High	Low		
Perseverance	High	Low		
Optimism	High	Low		
Gratitude	High	Low		
Forgiveness	High	Low		
Patience	High	Low		
Humility	High	Low		
Respect	High	Low		
Kindness	High	Low		
Generosity	High	Low		
Compassion	High	Low		
Empathy	High	Low		
Understanding	High	Low		
Acceptance	High	Low		
Openness	High	Low		
Curiosity	High	Low		
Imagination	High	Low		
Creativity	High	Low		
Innovation	High	Low		
Leadership	High	Low		
Teamwork	High	Low		
Collaboration	High	Low		
Networking	High	Low		
Relationships	Strong	Weak		
Friendships	Many	Few		
Family Ties	Close	Distant		
Community Connections	Active	Passive		
Social Skills	Good	Poor		
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application for Patent of: Eddie Sapien, Jr.  
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**VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled as described in:

☒ the specification filed herewith.

☐ application serial no.

filed

☐ patent no.

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I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

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\*NOTE:

*Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27).*

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b)).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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